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Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date: 10/16/15	Bureau/Station/Facility: Industry Station	Admin. Invest.? ☐ Hit? ☑

Incident Information

URN: 015-12768-1441-031	Date: 10/16/15 Time: 0118 Hours
City or Station: Industry Station	Nature of Incident: Suspect Rangel attempted to take Deputy Richards' gun from him and a deputy involved shooting ensued. Suspect Rangel was pronounced dead at the scene.
Location: [redacted] Ashcomb Drive, Valinda (Unicorporated Area)	

Location Type (*check one or more*):
☐ Backyard
☐ Beach
☐ Business
☐ Freeway
☐ Industrial
☐ Park
☐ Parking Lot
☑ Residence
☐ Rural
☐ School
☐ Street
Other:

Lighting (*check only one*):
☑ Darkness
☐ Daylight
☐ Other
☐ Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*):
☑ Clear
☐ Cloudy
☐ Fog
☐ Rain

Distance:

Incident Type (*check one or more*):
☐ Accidental
☐ Armed Person
☐ Fleeing Suspect
☐ Foot Pursuit
☑ Gun Take Away
☐ Moving Vehicle
☐ Sniper/Ambush
☐ Startle
☐ Struggle Involved
☐ Traffic Stop
☐ Unarmed Person
☐ Unintentional
☐ Vehicle Pursuit
☐ Warrant Service
☐ Warning Shot
Other:

Initiated by (*check only one*):
☐ Arrest Warrant
☐ Call
☑ Observation
☐ One Person Unit
☐ Other
☐ Search Warrant
☐ Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*check only one*):
☐ Detective
☐ Inmate Transport
☐ Other
☑ Routine Patrol

Aero Unit? ☑ Canine Unit? ☐

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect
1	0

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (check only one)	ShiftType (check only one)
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	Farino	Mark	V.	☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	Kline	Brady	R.	☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(check one or more)
[redacted]	Kline	Brady	R.	☑ On Duty ☑ Present during shooting ☑ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting
				☐ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Cortinas	David	

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Tubbs	Robert	

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SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 North Hudson Avenue, City of Industry	91744	626-330-3322	

Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee

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Employee # [redacted] | Last Name: Richards | First Name: Brian | M.I.:

Sex: M | Race: W | Rank: DSG | Unit Assignment: Industry Station | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 144F

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ | Substance Used:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? ☑ | Coroner Case # 2015-7174 | Interviewed? ☑

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: Unk- Not Interview | Duty Time (hrs): [redacted] | Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest | Other Factors:

Age: [redacted] | Height: 5'8" | Weight: 200

Range Qualification Date: [redacted] | PPC Qualification Date: [redacted] | Laser Training Date:

Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted] | Patrol Certification? [redacted] | Certification Unit: [redacted] | Prior Shootings? [redacted] | Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] | Directed Force: [redacted]

Weapons Fired Brand: SW M&P | Caliber: 9 | # Shots: 1 | Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber: | # Shots:

Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted] | Last Name [redacted] | First Name [redacted] | M.I. [redacted]

Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted] | Last Name [redacted] | First Name [redacted] | M.I.

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Employee # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

Sex: | Race: | Rank: | Unit Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ | Substance Used:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? ☐ | Coroner Case # | Interviewed? ☐

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: | Duty Time (hrs): | Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest | Other Factors:

Age: | Height: | Weight:

Range Qualification Date: | PPC Qualification Date: | Laser Training Date:

Certified with Weapon Used? ☐ | Patrol Certification? ☐ | Certification Unit: | Prior Shootings? ☐ | Number of Prior Shootings: | Directed Force: ☐

Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber | # Shots | Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber | # Shots

Field Training Officer Emp # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

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Employee # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

Sex: | Race: | Rank: | Unit Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ | Substance Used:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? ☐ | Coroner Case # | Interviewed? ☐

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Age: | Height: | Weight:

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Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber | # Shots | Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber | # Shots

Field Training Officer Emp # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

Field Training Officer Emp # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

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Officer Involved Shooting
Suspect Information

URN: 015-12768-1441-031

Suspect Information

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Last Name: Rangel		First Name: Johnny	M.I. A.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: M Race: H	Street Address: [redacted]	City [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone:	Home Phone: [redacted]	Social Security #: [redacted]	Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 25 D.O.B. 02/20/90	Height: 5"10 Weight: 200lb	FBI # [redacted]	CII # [redacted]
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☑	Coroner Case # 2015-7174	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☑	Substance Used: CNS Stimulant
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☑	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? [redacted]
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

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Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

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Last Name		First Name	M.I.
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Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
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Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
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Last Name		First Name	M.I.
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Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
10/16/15	0444	05/11/18	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Godfrey	Edward	
[redacted]	Smeltzer	Chad	E.
[redacted]	Carrasco	Jesus	

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S1	E1	PO					NN	NN
E1	S1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	DH	CH

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**On-Duty Hit Shooting, Suspect Deceased**
IAB FILE #:	**SH 2388439 / FO 2388441**
URN #:	**015-12768-1441-013**
DATE/TIME:	**October 16, 2015 / 0118 hours**
LOCATION:	[redacted] **Ashcomb Drive, Valinda**

SUMMARY

On October 16, 2015, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant Edward Godfrey #[redacted], Sergeants Chad Smeltzer #[redacted] and Jesus Carrasco #[redacted] responded to Industry Station regarding an on-duty deputy-involved hit shooting. The shooting resulted in the death of Suspect Johnny Rangel (hereafter referred to as Suspect Rangel). On July 27, 2016, this case was reassigned to Sergeant Nadar Chanine; and later reassigned to Sergeant Calvin Mah on September 14, 2017.

IAB Lieutenant Godfrey confirmed the watch commander, Lieutenant Robert Tubbs #[redacted], took reasonable steps to ensure the involved and witness personnel did not discuss the incident among themselves, or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators. In addition, IAB Lieutenant Godfrey confirmed the involved personnel gathered in the company of a supervisor until they provided a statement to the assigned investigators.

Detective Sergeant Marc Boskovich #[redacted] and Detective Louie Aguilera #[redacted], from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau, arrived and assumed control of the investigation. For further information regarding the investigation conducted by Homicide Bureau refer to the Homicide case book, under URN #015-12768-1441-013 **[Exhibit A]**.

SYNOPSIS

On October 16, 2015, at approximately 0118 hours, Industry Station (IDT) Unit 144F, Deputies [redacted] (driver) #[redacted] and Brian Richards (bookman) #[redacted] were patrolling near Azusa Avenue and Amar Road, in the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County, known as Valinda, in a marked Crown Victoria.

While driving north on Azusa Avenue approaching Amar Road, Deputies [redacted] and Richards saw Suspect Rangel standing on the north sidewalk of Amar Road west of Azusa Road, near a bus bench. Suspect Rangel noticed the deputies' presence and ran south crossing the westbound and eastbound lanes of Amar Road. Suspect Rangel ran toward a McDonald's parking lot (2501 S. Azusa Avenue, West Covina, California, 91791). The deputies' intentions were to contact Suspect Rangel for violation of 21956 of the California Vehicle Code, Pedestrian in the Roadway.

Deputy [redacted] drove west on Amar Road, in the eastbound lane, paralleling Suspect Rangel who ran across the street, into the McDonald's parking lot. Deputy [redacted] stopped his patrol vehicle on Amar Road, in close proximity to Suspect Rangel, who stood in the parking lot. Deputy Richards illuminated Suspect Rangel with the patrol vehicle spot light, who appeared to be speaking to a male and female standing next to a truck.

IAB Note: **The investigation conducted by Homicide Investigators later revealed Suspect Rangel attempted to contact a random couple standing near their truck parked in the "McDonald's" parking lot. When deputies illuminated Suspect Rangel, he threw a black folding knife in the bed of the truck and proceeded to run west through the parking lot. The female, later identified as Witness [redacted], said her [redacted] exited the truck, grabbed the knife and threw it in a planter. Witness [redacted] and her [redacted] proceeded to leave the location. Witness [redacted] returned a short time later and advised a West Covina Police Officer regarding the knife's location. Homicide Investigators recovered and booked the knife as evidence. [Exhibit A, page 20-23].**

Deputy [redacted] ordered Suspect Rangel to come toward him. Suspect Rangel ran west through the parking lot toward Witzman Drive, then south on Witzman Drive toward Ashcomb Drive. Deputies [redacted] and Richards followed Suspect Rangel in their patrol vehicle and approached Suspect Rangel mid-block on Witzman Drive between Ashcomb Drive and Amar Road. Deputy [redacted] ordered Suspect Rangel to stop running. Suspect Rangel replied, "Fuck you, I'm not gonna stop."

Deputy Richards described Suspect Rangel as a male Hispanic with a shaved head, blue shirt, white/blue checkered shorts, and having a tattoo on his head. Both deputies described Suspect Rangel as a gang member. **[Homicide Richards transcripts, page 4]**

Suspect Rangel ran east on Ashcomb Drive into the backyard of [redacted], along the east side of the house. There was no fence that separated the front yard from the back yard, an overhead photograph **[Exhibit B]** of [redacted] which depicts the location where Suspect Rangel ran from the deputies.

Deputy [redacted] requested additional deputies to assist in the detention of Suspect Rangel. Industry Station, Unit 141, Vincent Benavides #[redacted], Unit 141K1, Yarralsira Castanon #[redacted], Unit 142, Joseph Rivera #[redacted] and Diego Sanchez #[redacted], and Unit 147B, Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] and Deputy Mark Farino #[redacted], responded to the location.

As the above deputies responded, Deputy [redacted] stood on the corner of Ashcomb Drive and Witzman Drive to maintain a visual north on Witzman Drive and east on Ashcomb Drive. Deputy Richards stood on Ashcomb Drive directly in front of [redacted], the last location he saw Suspect Rangel. Due to the fact Suspect Rangel had run north toward the McDonald's parking lot, Deputies [redacted] and Richards believed Suspect Rangel might jump over the fence. While waiting for the deputies' assistance, Deputies [redacted] and Richards drove back to the McDonald's parking lot to determine whether Suspect Rangel jumped over the fence to the parking lot. Both deputies realized the concrete wall was too high to jump over, and drove back to the corner of Ashcomb Drive and Witzman Drive. Deputy Richards advised responding deputies they believed Suspect Rangel was at [redacted]. Deputy Richards stood in front of [redacted] to maintain a visual of the location. The above deputies arrived and contained the area near Ashcomb Drive and Witzman Drive.

While Deputy [redacted] maintained a visual at the corner of Ashcomb Drive and Witzman Drive, Witness [redacted] exited his residence and told Deputy [redacted] that a male had broken into his [redacted] at [redacted] and was hiding inside. [redacted] is one property east of [redacted].

Deputies [redacted] and Richards requested back-up to the front yard of [redacted] Deputies [redacted] and Farino and Sergeant Brady Kline #[redacted] responded. Air 24, Deputy Michael Vargas Machuca #[redacted] and Sergeant Morrie Zager #[redacted] also arrived.

While Deputies [redacted] and Richards were interviewing Witness [redacted], Witness [redacted] exited the residence and also confirmed her [redacted] were inside the residence. Both Witness [redacted] and Witness [redacted] advised the male was not wanted inside their residence, and they were concerned for the safety of their elderly [redacted]. Both witnesses advised their [redacted] were in the south bedroom, on the west side of the house.

IAB Note: [redacted] **and** [redacted] **are** [redacted] **was residing at the location with** [redacted] **and his** [redacted], [redacted] **and** [redacted].

Deputies [redacted], Richards, [redacted] Farino and Sergeant Kline formulated a plan to enter the residence. Deputies [redacted] and Richards were designated as the lethal option and arrest team; Deputy [redacted] was assigned the less lethal option (Taser); Deputy Farino was assigned to transmit radio traffic; and Sergeant Kline was the field supervisor.

Prior to entering the residence, Air 24 arrived and made announcements for the suspect to exit the residence for approximately 2 minutes. Deputies [redacted] Richards, [redacted] Farino, Sergeant Kline, Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] all heard the announcement made by Air 24. Suspect Rangel failed to exit the residence. Deputy Richards advised Sheriff's dispatch, deputies were preparing to enter the location.

Deputies approached the open front door and also gave commands for Suspect Rangel to exit the residence to no avail. Deputies saw blood on the interior walls of the home and noticed a blood trail leading to a bedroom **[Exhibit A, CD, scene photo 7212-7218]**. Deputies entered the location in the following order: Deputy [redacted] (first), Deputy Richards (second), Deputy [redacted] (third), Deputy Farino (fourth), and Sergeant Kline at the rear.

Deputies [redacted] Richards and [redacted] walked toward the west hallway, following the blood trail. Deputy Farino and Sergeant Kline initially cleared the east side of the residence, and then joined Deputies [redacted] Richards, and [redacted]

IAB Note: The western portion of [redacted] has a north bedroom, a south bedroom and is separated by a bathroom. The hallway was approximately three feet wide [Exhibit C].

Deputy Lopez contacted Witness [redacted] (elderly [redacted]) in the western hallway, just outside her bedroom. Witness [redacted] told Deputy [redacted] in Spanish, that her daughter was inside the north bedroom. The door to the north bedroom was closed. Deputy [redacted] advised his partners of a possible hostage situation inside the north bedroom. Deputy [redacted] escorted both Witness [redacted] and Witness [redacted] from the residence. The additional deputies focused on the north bedroom where they heard noises coming from within. Deputies ordered Suspect Rangel to exit the room. Suspect Rangel did not comply.

Due to the hallway configuration, deputies positioned themselves at the following locations, all facing and focused on the north bedroom: Deputy [redacted] stood in the bathroom; Deputy [redacted] stood in the south bedroom; Deputy Richards stood in the hallway, near the north bedroom's threshold; and Deputy Farino and Sergeant Kline stood in the living room. All of the above rooms were cleared with the exception of the north bedroom. A shooting scene sketch **[Exhibit D]** of the interior of the location has been submitted for reference.

The deputies positioned in the hallway saw blood on the walls and on the floor leading to the north bedroom and heard a commotion coming from within the bedroom. Deputy [redacted] checked the door knob and determined it was locked. Deputy [redacted] subsequently kicked the door which opened slightly. The back of a recliner was propped against the door. Suspect Rangel ran toward the door and shoved it closed. Deputies heard glass breaking and were unsure if Suspect Rangel was attempting to escape. Deputy Farino

turned toward the glass door to ensure the suspect would not come around through the rear of the location.

Deputy [redacted] stood at the left side of the door, Deputy Richards was on the right side with his body lowered, and Deputy [redacted] stood behind Deputy Richards. The three deputies approached the door and Deputy [redacted] kicked the door a second time. Simultaneously, Deputy Richards pushed and kicked the door. The door came off the hinge and fell toward the ground. The deputies were separated from Suspect Rangel by the door and recliner, but could see Suspect Rangel's upper torso. With his hand near his waistband, Suspect Rangel aggressively ran toward the threshold of the door where the deputies were standing. Unknown if Suspect Rangel was armed, Deputy [redacted] employed the Taser, striking Suspect Rangel in his upper torso. Suspect Rangel fell forward onto the recliner. Deputy Richards looked over the back of the recliner to get a visual of Suspect Rangel. Deputy Richards pointed his firearm at Suspect Rangel and ordered him to "show his hands." Suspect Rangel stood up and forcibly grabbed Deputy Richards' gun. Deputy Richards was able to pull his gun away from Suspect Rangel and advised his partners, "he grabbed my gun." Deputy [redacted] activated the Taser a second time. Suspect Rangel fell forward into the recliner with his hands near his waistband. While face down in the recliner, deputies ordered Suspect Rangel to show his hands. Suspect Rangel stated "Okay, okay," but never complied. Instead, Suspect Rangel stood and grabbed Deputy Richards' gun a second time, and attempted to pull it away from him. Deputy Richards felt the gun slipping from his grip; however, he was able to maintain control of his gun.

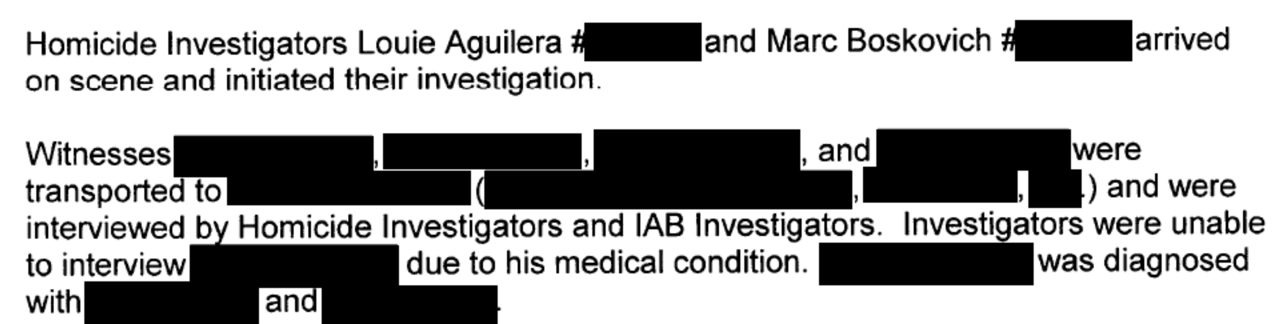
While standing shoulder to shoulder with Deputy Richards, Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Rangel grab Deputy Richards' gun. Deputy [redacted] felt Deputy Richards' body being pulled into the room. Deputy [redacted] extended his right arm and wedged it against Deputy Richards' body to prevent him from being dragged inside the room. Deputy [redacted] activated his Taser a third time, but it did not subdue Suspect Rangel, or appear to have an effect. Suspect Rangel reached for Deputy Richards' gun a third time, but was unsuccessful in grabbing the gun. Deputy Richards said he feared Suspect Rangel would gain control of his gun, and use it against him and the deputies. Deputy Richards fired one round from his duty weapon, striking Suspect Rangel in the upper torso. Deputies were not aware Suspect Rangel was hit because he continued to resist their orders. Deputy [redacted] continued to deploy his Taser two to three more times and transmitted on his portable radio a deputy involved shooting had occurred.

Suspect Rangel fell to the ground with his head facing north toward the bed, and his feet toward the doorway. Deputies moved the door, recliner, and other debris from the doorway threshold. Deputies entered the room and ordered Suspect Rangel to give them his hands. Deputy [redacted] was to the left of Suspect Rangel. Deputy Richards to the right, and Deputy [redacted] was behind them. Deputy [redacted] attempted to handcuff Suspect Rangel, but his arms were tucked underneath his body. Deputies ordered Suspect Rangel to remove his arms from underneath his body, but he did not comply. Deputy Richards took the Taser from Deputy [redacted] and drive stunned Suspect Rangel once on the right tricep. It did not have an effect on Suspect Rangel. Deputy Richards

drive stunned Suspect Rangel a second time near his right rib cage. Suspect Rangel kicked his feet and slid his upper torso side to side, preventing deputies from handcuffing his arms. After a short struggle, Deputy Richards grasped Suspect Rangel's wrist. Deputy [redacted] handed Deputy Richards a pair of handcuffs and Deputy Richards handcuffed Suspect Rangel. Deputy [redacted] hobbled Suspect Rangel's ankles, to control his legs and to assist him in lifting Suspect Rangel body. Due to the bedroom's confined space and Suspect Rangel's injuries Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] carried Suspect Rangel out of the room so that medical rescue personnel could render aid. The deputies carried him toward the front door of the residence where Suspect Rangel was then carried to the front yard by Deputy Rivera.

Deputy Rivera felt a weak pulse on Suspect Rangel and immediately began chest compressions on Suspect Rangel pending the arrival of medical personnel. Los Angeles County Fire Engine 26 under the supervision of Captain Stillwagon arrived on scene and evaluated Suspect Rangel. Suspect Rangel was pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics at 0137 hours. No deputies were injured during this incident. There were no hostages located inside the residence.

Deputy Richards' backdrop was the drywall on the north wall of the bedroom. The wall is approximately 5 yards from where the shooting occurred. There was no property damage as a result of the shooting.



Homicide Investigators Louie Aguilera #[redacted] and Marc Boskovich #[redacted] arrived on scene and initiated their investigation.

Witnesses [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], and [redacted] were transported to [redacted] ([redacted], [redacted], [redacted].) and were interviewed by Homicide Investigators and IAB Investigators. Investigators were unable to interview [redacted] due to his medical condition. [redacted] was diagnosed with [redacted] and [redacted].

On December 28, 2015, Homicide Investigators received a DNA Analysis Report from Los Angeles County Sheriff's Senior Criminalist, Ilene Krokaugger #[redacted] The report concluded the DNA profile taken from the front slide, frame, and light of Deputy Richards' firearm was a mixture of two contributors. The profile of the major contributor matched the DNA of Suspect Johnny Rangel **[Exhibit A, pages 69-70].**

Suspect Johnny Rangel's autopsy was performed by the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office. Suspect Rangel's death was caused by a gunshot wound to his chest. Suspect Rangel's blood tested positive for marijuana, amphetamine and methamphetamine.

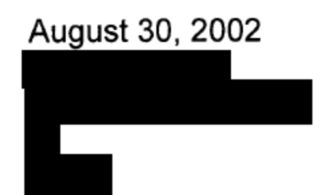
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The Justice System Integrity Division (JSID) of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the incident. In the letter of opinion dated July 20, 2017, JSID concluded Deputy Richards acted in lawful self-defense and defense of others when he used deadly force against Johnny Rangel **[Exhibit E]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Brian J. Richards, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]

East Patrol Division
Industry Station
Date of Employment as a Deputy: August 30, 2002
Date Assigned to Patrol/[redacted]:
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incidents:


[redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

On October 16, 2015, Deputy Richards was wearing a Class "A" uniform, with a vest, including a Sam Browne duty belt. The equipment on his duty belt included: two fully loaded Department issued magazines, handcuffs, Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, expandable baton, 9mm duty weapon, knife, handheld radio, and keys.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]

East Patrol Division
Industry Station
Date of Employment:
Date Assigned to Patrol/Industry
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):


[redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

On October 16, 2015, Deputy [redacted] was wearing a Class "A" uniform including a Sam Browne duty belt. The equipment on his duty belt included: handcuffs, Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, expandable baton, 9mm duty weapon, three fully loaded Department issued magazines, Taser X26, handheld radio and keys.

SUSPECT INFORMATION (DECEASED)

Johnny Angel Rangel - Male, Hispanic, DOB: February 20, 1990, 5'10"/ 200 lbs.
[redacted], [redacted]
CII #[redacted], FBI #[redacted], CDL #[redacted]

A criminal history query of Suspect Rangel [redacted], [redacted]. At the time of the shooting he was on [redacted].

The query also [redacted]

[redacted]

The Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System [redacted], [redacted]. Suspect Rangel's Criminal History is included **[Exhibit A, pages 151-174]**.

SUSPECT AUTOPSY

On July 6, 2015, a post-mortem examination of the remains of Suspect Johnny Rangel was performed by Doctor Kevin Young at the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office. It was determined Suspect Rangel's death was caused by a gunshot wound to his chest **[Exhibit A, pages 175]**.

A Laboratory summary for toxicology screening **[Exhibit A, page 192]** was completed. Suspect Rangel's blood tested positive for marijuana, amphetamine and methamphetamine.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

No deputies were injured during the course of this incident.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence was located and collected by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau and Scientific Services Bureau personnel. A description of the evidence collected and where it was collected from is documented in **[Exhibit A, pages 35-39]**. Also, see scene photographs of evidence **[Exhibit A, CD]**.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

The scene was described in detail by Homicide Bureau investigators, Donna Cheek #[redacted] and Gean Okada #[redacted], and documented with photographs. The scene description covered the entire incident and shooting location.

Forensic Identification Specialists II Yvette Gonzalez #[redacted] Scott Purcell #[redacted] and Deputy Steven Thomas #[redacted] assisted investigators with the processing of the scene **[Exhibit A, pages 24-34]**. Their description of the scene was consistent with the initial IAB Investigators' observations. The scene was also photographed and sketched by the Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau. Included as a permanent record within the IAB Case Book are compact discs containing aerial photographs of the scene, photographs of involved deputy personnel, coroner's photographs, and scene investigation photos **[Exhibit A, CD]**.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY RICHARDS

Deputy Richards fired one round of the Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Smith & Wesson M&P semi-automatic pistol (HAT[redacted]). Homicide Investigators Aguilera and Boskovich took possession of the firearm. They later released custody of the firearm to Deputy Steven Thomas #[redacted] who subsequently booked the firearm into evidence for further examination. Deputy Richards' weapon was found to be functional. See Scientific Services Bureau's Test Fire and Function Check Report **[Exhibit F]**.



Date last qualified: [redacted]
Date completed M&P Conversion [redacted]

> IAB Note: **Deputy personnel are required to qualify every trimester. A copy of the Deputy Richards' complete training records, including range qualification scores and dates, were included with this casebook, [redacted].**

PROPERTY DAMAGE

One interior door, completely detached from the hinges of the door frame.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred inside [redacted] Ashcomb Drive in the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County known as Valinda at approximately 0118 hours. The weather was clear and cool. The source of illumination inside the location were flashlights.

RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators reviewed SCC's certified copy of the radio traffic associated with the incident **[Exhibit H]**. The following is a brief synopsis of those transmissions:

DISPATCH CHANNEL - OCTOBER 16, 2015

0100 hours - Deputy [redacted] requested Aero via SCC regarding a possible 921 (Prowler) in the area.

0100 hours - SCC requested Aero for Dispatch 8 and advised Deputies [redacted] and Richards Air 24 would be responding.

0101 hours - Deputy [redacted] advised they observed a male Hispanic, 200 pounds, blue shirt, with tattoos on the back of his head run from them. He advised SCC the suspect ran east on Witzman Drive and his location was at Ashcomb and Witzman.

0101 hours - Deputy [redacted] advised the suspect was last seen running north through [redacted] and to the rear was an eight foot wall. Deputy [redacted] stated the suspect was contained in the area.

0102 hours – SCC advised Air 24, that 144F requested them for a male Hispanic who ran from them and was on Ashcomb last seen running north toward Amar, but deputies believed the male was contained in the area. SCC described the suspect as male, Hispanic, 200 pounds, wearing a blue shirt. Air 24 advised they were en-route from Compton and would switch to L-Tac upon arrival.

0109 hours - Deputy [redacted] requested a supervisor to respond Code 3 to Ashcomb and Witzman. 140S, Sergeant Kline advised he was en-route and would arrive in seconds. Deputy [redacted] advised the 921 ran inside a home. The residents exited the location and said the suspect was inside with their elderly residents. He also advised sufficient units were on scene.

0110 hours - Air 24 advised they were one minute and a half out.

0113 hours - Deputy Richards advised SCC units would be conducting a protective sweep at [redacted] North Ashcomb Drive.

0118 hours - SCC advised deputies at [redacted] Ashcomb went 998. SCC asked if deputies were injured and if they needed fire to stage.

0118 hours - Air 24 advised deputies were on L-TAC

0119 hours - Industry deputy advised all deputies were accounted for and none were injured. Air 24 asked if 902R was needed for the suspect.

0120 hours – Air 24 requested 902R for the suspect. SCC acknowledged and 902R advised to stage at Azusa and Amar.

0121 hours - SCC requested an update from 140S and advised all units switch to Dispatch 8. 140S advised suspect being taken into custody.

0122 hours - Sergeant Kline confirmed 998 occurred, no deputies were injured and suspect was in custody.

0123 hours - Industry deputy requested Fire to respond directly to [redacted] Ashcomb Drive.

0123 hours - SCC advised Fire acknowledged response to [redacted] Ashcomb Drive.

0127 hours - Air 24 advised SCC units were ready to switch to a tactical channel when available. SCC checking on A-Tac 3.

0129 hours - SCC advised Industry units A-TAC 3 was available. Industry units were advised to switch.

INDUSTRY STATION L-TAC – OCTOBER 16, 2015

1258 hours - 144F requested any available unit in the area of Azusa Avenue and Amar Road to identify.

1259 hours - 142 and 141 advised they were available and en-route.

0100 hours - Deputy Richards advised a person ran from them and requested Industry units respond to "McDonalds" and Witzman.

0100 hours - 141 and 147B advised they were en-route. 147B advised they would respond to McDonalds. Deputy Richards provided a suspect description as male, Hispanic 5'8", 200 pounds, shaved head with a tattoo wearing a blue shirt and blue/white checkered shorts.

0102 hours - Deputy Richards asked Industry Station desk personnel if they received any calls regarding a prowler at [redacted] and requested a unit to position north of the location.

0103 hours - Deputy Richards advised Aero the suspect was last seen in [redacted] and the location was contained. Aero advised 6 ½ ETA.

0106 hours - Deputy [redacted] advised the suspect was within their containment due to a large wall which separated the residence and McDonalds. Industry units contained the location. Deputy Richards updated the suspect ran toward the corner house on Ashcomb and Witzman. Advised the suspect was now at [redacted] Ashcomb Drive.

0107 hours - Deputy Richards requested additional Industry units to his location, due the suspect was inside and an entry team was needed. Deputy Richards also requested Sergeant Kline, who responded he would be on scene in about a minute. Deputy Richards advised less lethal and a plan was needed.

0111 hours - Deputy Richards advised Aero the suspect was inside [redacted] Ashcomb Drive, and deputies would enter the location once Aero arrived.

0111 hours - Deputy Richards requested Aero to make announcements.

0117 hours - Deputy [redacted] requested Air 24 to hover higher due to noise.

0117 hours - Industry Deputy heard a noise coming from the side and believed the suspect was exiting the window.

0118 hours - Deputy [redacted] advised "998 shots fired shots fired he's grabbing his gun."

0122 hours - Deputy Richards requested Industry desk for additional resources and crime scene tape for the deputy involved shooting. Deputy Richards requested Industry Station Unit to start a command post at Chevron Gas Station on Azusa and Amar.

0124 hours - Deputy Richards requested additional units to Ashcomb and Witzman for an article search at [redacted] and [redacted] Ashcomb Drive.

0125 hours - Deputy Richards requested Fire to respond.

0126 hours - Deputy [redacted] requested a van to transport witnesses to the station.

0128 hours - Industry Desk advised Fire would be on scene in one minute. Air 24 advised units to switch over to Dispatch 8 when available.

A-TAC 3

Frequency A-Tac 3 was used by Industry Station personnel at the command post to coordinate their resources.

SURVEILLANCE VIDEO

During a canvass of the scene, Homicide Bureau investigators discovered surveillance video from two different locations:

One surveillance camera was located on the northeast corner of the 76 Gas Station located at 2450 S. Azusa Avenue, West Covina, California, 91792

Three surveillance cameras were located at the McDonald's at 2501 S. Azusa Avenue, West Covina, California, 91791

Camera #1 covered the drive thru
Camera #2 covered the front door
Camera #3 covered the east door

IAB investigators reviewed the above surveillance videos and determined there was no substantial video footage pertinent to the incident. The video surveillance showed deputies arriving on scene. Suspect Rangel was not depicted in the videos.

STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a summation of the actual interview(s). Additional information and the precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and attached transcriptions. IAB investigators reviewed all reports authored by involved Department personnel.

SWORN PERSONNEL

WITNESS EMPLOYEE DEPUTY [redacted]

Homicide Interview

On October 16, 2015, Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Louie Aguilera #[redacted] and Sergeant Marc Boskovich #[redacted]. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[Exhibit A, pages 48-50]**. The interview was transcribed.

IAB Interview

On March 12, 2018, Deputy [redacted] was interviewed at the Internal Affairs Bureau office by IAB Investigators. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

Deputy Lopez told IAB Investigators he was assigned to Industry Unit 144F with Deputy Brian Richards. They attempted to contact Suspect Rangel and he ignored their request to stop and ran from them. Deputy [redacted] wanted to question Suspect Rangel for not using the crosswalk, running from them, and his gang involvement within a "safety zone."

IAB Note: **Superior Court of California Judge Joanne O'Donnell granted a permanent gang injunction against Puente 13 and Bassett Grande. The safety zone has been**

established as North 10 Freeway/Francisquito Avenue, East Nogales Road, South 60 Freeway/Valley Boulevard, West 605 Freeway. It established guidelines for Puente 13 and Basset Grande gang members to follow within the safety zone [Exhibit J].

Suspect Rangel ignored his orders to stop and ran from them. Suspect Rangel ran north through some yards on Ashcomb Drive. Deputy [redacted] requested units to his location. While standing at the intersection of Ashcomb Drive and Witzman Drive, Witness [redacted] exited his residence and told Deputy [redacted] that Suspect Rangel broke the rear sliding glass door, and entered his residence. Witness [redacted] told deputies that Suspect Rangel was inside a bedroom and requested deputies enter the location to "get him." Witness [redacted] also told deputies his elderly [redacted] were inside the location. Due to the exigent nature of the situation, deputies entered the location. Once inside, Deputy [redacted] contacted Witness [redacted] who told him in Spanish her "[redacted] or [redacted] was inside the room."

Deputy [redacted] believed someone was being assaulted or injured inside the room because he heard rummaging, and sounds that appeared someone was being thrown around. Deputy [redacted] told Deputy [redacted] to kick the door. After Deputy [redacted] kicked the door, they felt resistance at the door and suddenly the resistance ceased. Deputy [redacted] kicked the door again and the door came off the hinge. Deputy Richards was immediately to his right and Deputy [redacted] was to his left. Deputies ordered Suspect Rangel to show his hands. Deputy [redacted] heard "He's got my gun. He's going for my gun." Deputy [redacted] heard a pop and believed Deputy [redacted] had activated his Taser. Deputy [redacted] realized Deputy Richards shot Suspect Rangel. Deputies entered the room and Deputy [redacted] handed Deputy Richards the Taser. Deputy Richards proceeded to drive stun Suspect Rangel with the Taser. Suspect Rangel continued to resist and struggle. Deputy [redacted] positioned himself near Suspect Rangel's ankles to prevent him from kicking. Due to the amount of blood, Deputy [redacted] put on gloves and hobbled Suspect Rangel. The purpose for the hobble was to carry Suspect Rangel out of the residence for medical treatment. Afterwards, he carried Suspect Rangel to the hallway and Deputy Rivera proceeded to carry Suspect Rangel to the front yard.

IAB investigators asked Deputy [redacted] if any of the residents were contacted to determine if everyone from inside the residence was accounted for prior to entering the bedroom. Deputy [redacted] stated that did not occur because Witness [redacted] and Witness [redacted] had told him their [redacted] was inside the room. In addition, they had seen blood leading to the room, and heard noises within the room. Deputy [redacted] stated he was the senior deputy on scene, and he advised his partners they needed to make entry to rescue a hostage. IAB investigators presented Deputy [redacted] a photograph of the hallway **[Exhibit C]** and a shooting scene sketch **[Exhibit D]** of the interior of the residence for visual reference.

WITNESS EMPLOYEE DEPUTY MARK FARINO

Homicide Interview

On October 16, 2015, Deputy Mark Farino #[redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Louie Aguilera #[redacted] and Sergeant Marc Boskovich #[redacted]. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[Exhibit A, pages 45-46]**. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.

IAB Interview

On March 12, 2018, Deputy Farino was interviewed at the Internal Affairs Bureau office by IAB Investigators. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

Deputy Farino told IAB Investigators he was working with Deputy [redacted] when they heard a back-up request from Deputies [redacted] and Richards. They were advised a person (Suspect Rangel) had run from the deputies and they responded to assist in a containment. They responded to the front of [redacted] and were advised by Deputies [redacted] and Richards, Suspect Rangel broke through the back door of the residence and the [redacted] were still inside. The deputies formulated a plan, made announcements, and entered the residence.

Deputy Farino told IAB Investigators he was assigned to transmit radio traffic on the entry team. After making entry, Deputies [redacted] Richards, and [redacted] went toward the western hallway. Deputy Farino and Sergeant Kline checked the eastern portion of the residence (which included a kitchen, living room, and bedroom) to check for additional persons inside the residence. Once they cleared the east side of the house they rejoined the other deputies at the west side of the house.

Deputies made contact with an elderly couple. One of the residents advised deputies a daughter was inside the north bedroom. The elderly couple was escorted out of the residence. A deputy relayed to Deputy Farino a daughter was inside the north bedroom. Based on the noise coming from the room, and the blood the deputies saw around the area, they believed someone was injured inside the room.

As deputies made entry, Deputy Farino stood in the living room, just on the other side of the hallway. Deputy Farino stated the hallway was extremely small and did not have room for all the deputies. He covered the rear window to ensure Suspect Rangel or anyone else did not enter behind the deputies and he was close enough to the deputies to assist if needed. Deputy Farino heard a deputy kick the door and heard glass breaking. He stood in the living room and directed his attention to the back door. While in the living room he heard "Let me see your hands" and "show me your hands." Deputy Farino heard someone say "He's got my gun," and he heard a pop after. Deputy Farino initially believed it to be a Taser.

After hearing the pop, Deputy Farino walked toward the room and saw deputies struggling to handcuff Suspect Rangel. He saw Suspect Rangel's arms underneath his body. Suspect Rangel was struggling with the deputies and did not comply with their orders. Deputy Farino pointed his firearm toward Suspect Rangel's upper torso in the event he tried to harm the deputies. Deputy Farino said up to that point, Suspect Rangel had not been searched and deputies did not know if Suspect Rangel was armed with a weapon.

Deputy Farino stated a weapon was not recovered and no additional residents were located inside the location. Deputy Farino stated once the entry team was inside the location they did not exit to contact the residents outside. He also stated he was never advised if all residents were accounted for from the deputies outside the location.

IAB investigators presented Deputy Farino a photograph of the hallway **[Exhibit C]** and a shooting scene sketch **[Exhibit D]** of the interior of the residence for visual reference.

WITNESS EMPLOYEE SERGEANT BRADY KLINE

Homicide Interview

On October 16, 2015, Sergeant Brady Kline #[redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Louie Aguilera #[redacted] and Sergeant Marc Boskovich #[redacted] The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[Exhibit A, pages 46-48]**. The interview was transcribed.

IAB Interview

On March 8, 2018, Sergeant Kline was interviewed at the Internal Affairs Bureau office by IAB Investigators. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

Sergeant Kline told IAB investigators he heard radio traffic regarding a person (Suspect Rangel) running from deputies. As he drove toward the deputies' direction, he was formally requested to respond to the location. Once he arrived, deputies briefed him that Suspect Rangel ran inside [redacted] and the residents who exited the location advised their elderly [redacted] were still inside. Sergeant Kline and Deputies [redacted] Richards, [redacted] and Farino formulated a plan to enter the house.

Upon entry, Sergeant Kline said the deputies made contact with an elderly male. The deputies brought the elderly male to him and he escorted the male out of the residence. After escorting the male out, he returned and escorted an older female outside. After escorting the elderly couple outside, Sergeant Kline told the deputies to back out of the residence. Deputy [redacted] told him "No, Sarge, we can't, she said there is another girl in there, we can't get out." Sergeant Kline was told by Deputy [redacted] one of the residents told him in Spanish another girl was inside the location.

Based on that information the deputies held their position inside the residence. Sergeant Kline stated once the residents were escorted outside, deputies did not exit and account for the all the residents. Deputies outside of the location did not advise the entry team if all the residents were accounted for. IAB investigators presented Sergeant Kline a photograph of the hallway **[Exhibit C]** and a shooting scene sketch **[Exhibit D]** of the interior of the residence for visual reference. Sergeant Kline told IAB investigators he was positioned near the hallway in the living room, a small, confined area. From his vantage point, he was not able to see what the deputies were doing because he was separated from them by a wall.

Sergeant Kline heard a commotion and yelling, "Let's see your hands!" and either "He has my gun!" or "He has his hand on my gun!" Shortly after, he heard a pop sound and thought a Taser was activated. He heard radio traffic for "998" and realized a deputy involved shooting occurred. Afterward he heard deputies order Suspect Rangel to "Give us your hands" or "Let's see your hands." Sergeant Kline reiterated he was not able to see in the hallway and bedroom because of the size of the deputies and the clutter in the hallway. A short time later, Suspect Rangel was brought out to the hallway. Suspect Rangel was carried to the front yard by deputies. Once in the front yard, Sergeant Kline told deputies not to place the suspect face down. Sergeant Kline told IAB Investigators Deputy Rivera started chest compressions on Suspect Rangel until the arrival of the Fire Department. After the incident, Sergeant Kline said he was sequestered and was unsure how the scene was secured.

CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENTS

WITNESS [redacted]

Homicide Interview

On October 16, 2015, Witness [redacted], was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Louie Aguilera #[redacted] and Sergeant Marc Boskovich #[redacted]. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[Exhibit A, pages 42-43]**. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.

IAB Interview

On January 9, 2018, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Investigators. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] told IAB Investigators he was sleeping in his bedroom when he heard a loud noise. He got out of bed and his [redacted], Witness [redacted], was at his bedroom door. Witness [redacted] told him someone (Suspect Rangel) was inside the house. He exited his bedroom and ran to the living room where he saw his [redacted] Witness [redacted], standing in the middle of the room. His [redacted] told him someone entered the backdoor. He looked at the back sliding glass door and saw it

was completely destroyed. He looked in the hallway and saw blood and realized he had someone inside the west bathroom. He was told by Witness [redacted] Suspect Rangel would not leave the house. He placed his [redacted] inside her bedroom. He yelled at Suspect Rangel to leave the house. Suspect Rangel did not respond. He told Witness [redacted] to call the police and she advised him the police were already outside of their residence.

Witness [redacted] exited his residence and saw deputies standing in his front yard. He told them "Hey guys, the guy's in the back bedroom. Come and get him." Deputies ordered Witness [redacted] to exit his residence. Witness [redacted] did not immediately leave because he feared for the safety of his elderly [redacted] He stated he did not know the intentions of Suspect Rangel who had just broke through his backdoor. Witness [redacted] wanted to protect his [redacted]. Witness [redacted] told IAB Investigators deputies at the scene forcibly pulled him from the residence. Afterwards, deputies entered his residence and escorted his [redacted] outside. Witness [redacted] stated Witness [redacted] exited the residence with his [redacted]. Shortly after, the helicopter announced to the suspect to exit the residence. Once the suspect did not exit, deputies entered the residence. Witness [redacted] heard a commotion from within the location and saw a flash through the window. Suspect Rangel was carried out the residence and laid on the front yard.

Witness [redacted] told IAB Investigators his [redacted] had passed away since the incident. Witness [redacted] had recently been [redacted]. As a result of her [redacted] she has had memory loss. Witness [redacted] no longer lived at the location and moved out of the residence after the incident.

WITNESS [redacted]

Homicide Interview

On October 16, 2015, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Louie Aguilera #[redacted] and Sergeant Marc Boskovich #[redacted]. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[Exhibit A, pages 43-44]**. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.

IAB Interview

On March 14, 2018, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Investigators. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] stated she resided at [redacted]. Witness [redacted] said she heard a noise from outside the residence. After Witness [redacted] heard a crashing sound she exited her bedroom and saw a man (Suspect Rangel) standing in the hallway. Witness [redacted] began to yell at him and asked who he was and why was he in her residence. Suspect Rangel only replied, "No ma'am, No, ma'am." Witness [redacted]

noticed his legs were bleeding and saw the back glass sliding door was broken into. Witness [redacted] yelled for him to "get out" of her residence. Suspect Rangel walked toward her, when suddenly Witness [redacted] exited her room. Witness [redacted] pointed her walking stick at Suspect Rangel and told him to leave. Suspect Rangel continued to walk toward them and asked Witness [redacted] permission to use the restroom. Witness [redacted] allowed Suspect Rangel to use the restroom and went to Witness [redacted] room and knocked on his door several times to advise him someone was inside the location.

Witness [redacted] opened the door and Witness [redacted] told him Suspect Rangel was inside the residence. Witness [redacted] told Witness [redacted] to call the police and she advised him they were already outside. Witness [redacted] walked toward the restroom where Suspect Rangel was hiding and then exited the front door of the residence. Witness [redacted] told deputies "He's in here." Deputies told Witness [redacted] he needed to exit the residence before they would enter. Witness [redacted] stated she exited the residence next with Witness [redacted]. They were standing near the garage, when the deputies entered the residence. Shortly after, the deputies brought her [redacted] out of the residence.

Witness [redacted] told IAB investigators she heard deputies order Suspect Rangel to exit the residence. He did not comply, and shortly after he was brought out of the location "hog tied."

WITNESS [redacted]

Homicide Interview

On October 16, 2015, Witness [redacted], was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Louie Aguilera, #[redacted], and Sergeant Marc Boskovich, #[redacted]. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[Exhibit A, pages 44-45]**. The interview was transcribed.

IAB Interview

On January 29, 2018, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Investigators. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

Suspect Rangel broke the glass (referring to rear sliding door) and glass was everywhere. Witness [redacted] remembered being afraid. Witness [redacted] was standing in the dining room area and told the male (Suspect Rangel) he needed to leave the location. Suspect Rangel did not say anything to her, and shortly after the deputies were at her front door.

Witness [redacted] told Suspect Rangel to leave the location and he did not leave. Suspect Rangel ignored her request to leave and entered the west restroom. Witness

[redacted] said she saw deputies at her door. The deputies escorted her out to a patrol vehicle in front of her residence. Witness [redacted] stated inside the residence with her, was her [redacted] and Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] did not know where her [redacted] Witness [redacted] was. Witness [redacted] last saw Suspect Rangel in the west restroom. She told IAB Investigators Suspect Rangel was in the hallway at some point and remembered deputies taking Suspect Rangel outside the residence. Witness [redacted] said she was never questioned by deputies.

Witness [redacted] was asked if she remembered telling deputies Witness [redacted] was still in her room and she replied "Yes."

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE BRIAN RICHARDS

Homicide Interview

On October 16, 2015, Deputy Brian Richards, #[redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Louie Aguilera #[redacted] and Sergeant Marc Boskovich #[redacted] The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[Exhibit A, pages 53-56]**. The interview was transcribed and included with this case.

Homicide Round Count

On October 16, 2015, Homicide Detectives Aguilera and Boskovich conducted a round count of Deputy Richards' firearm, Smith & Wesson M&P (serial #HAT[redacted] at Industry Station. The handgun was loaded with 16 rounds in the magazine and one round in the chamber for a total of 17 rounds. Deputy Richards told Homicide Investigators he routinely carried his handgun with 17 rounds in the magazine and one round in the chamber for a total of 18 rounds.

IAB Interview

On February 15, 2017, Deputy Richards resigned from his position as a Deputy Sheriff. On March 13, 2018, IAB investigators contacted Brian Richards and asked him if he would participate in an interview. Brian Richards refused.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY [redacted]

Homicide Interview

On October 16, 2015, Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Louie Aguilera #[redacted] and Sergeant Marc Boskovich #[redacted] The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[Exhibit A, pages 53-56]**. The interview was transcribed and included with this case.

Homicide X-26 TASER Inspection

Investigator Boskovich took possession of Taser X26 assigned to Deputy [redacted] after the incident. He downloaded the firing data recorded by the Taser X26 serial number #X[redacted] also identified as IDT #15, **[Exhibit I]**.

The firing data showed nine separate activations.

#	Time	Duration
1	01:18:34	5 seconds
2	01:18:40	5 seconds
3	01:18:49	5 seconds
4	01:18:55	5 seconds
5	01:19:17	5 seconds
6	01:19:33	6 seconds
7	01:19:40	5 seconds
8	01:20:59	8 seconds
9	01:21:05	5 seconds

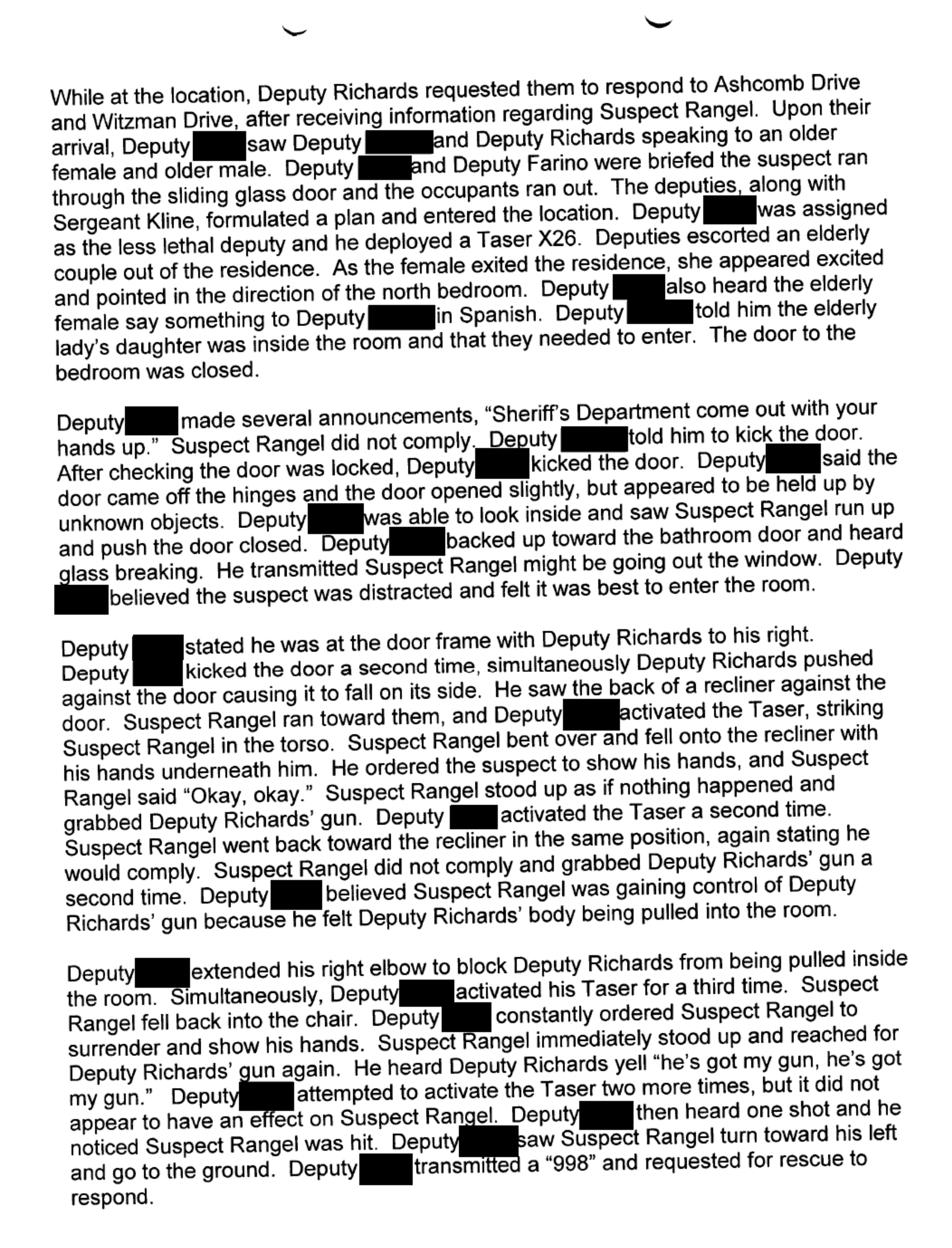
The Taser was activated for a total of 49 seconds over a two minute, thirty one second time span.

IAB Interview

On February 21, 2018, Deputy [redacted] was interviewed at the Internal Affairs Bureau office by IAB Investigators. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On October 16, 2015, Deputy [redacted] was assigned to a two person, Industry Station Unit, 147B. On that day, Deputy [redacted] was partnered with Deputy Farino.

Deputy [redacted] and Deputy Farino were patrolling the area of Hacienda Boulevard and Three Palms, Hacienda Heights when he heard a backup request on L-TAC. The request was from Industry Station Unit 144F, Deputies [redacted] and Richards and they requested units to respond to Amar Road and Azusa Avenue regarding a suspicious person who had run from them. Deputies [redacted] and Farino responded to the location and took a containment position at the parking lot of McDonalds.



While at the location, Deputy Richards requested them to respond to Ashcomb Drive and Witzman Drive, after receiving information regarding Suspect Rangel. Upon their arrival, Deputy [redacted] saw Deputy [redacted] and Deputy Richards speaking to an older female and older male. Deputy [redacted] and Deputy Farino were briefed the suspect ran through the sliding glass door and the occupants ran out. The deputies, along with Sergeant Kline, formulated a plan and entered the location. Deputy [redacted] was assigned as the less lethal deputy and he deployed a Taser X26. Deputies escorted an elderly couple out of the residence. As the female exited the residence, she appeared excited and pointed in the direction of the north bedroom. Deputy [redacted] also heard the elderly female say something to Deputy [redacted] in Spanish. Deputy [redacted] told him the elderly lady's daughter was inside the room and that they needed to enter. The door to the bedroom was closed.

Deputy [redacted] made several announcements, "Sheriff's Department come out with your hands up." Suspect Rangel did not comply. Deputy [redacted] told him to kick the door. After checking the door was locked, Deputy [redacted] kicked the door. Deputy [redacted] said the door came off the hinges and the door opened slightly, but appeared to be held up by unknown objects. Deputy [redacted] was able to look inside and saw Suspect Rangel run up and push the door closed. Deputy [redacted] backed up toward the bathroom door and heard glass breaking. He transmitted Suspect Rangel might be going out the window. Deputy [redacted] believed the suspect was distracted and felt it was best to enter the room.

Deputy [redacted] stated he was at the door frame with Deputy Richards to his right. Deputy [redacted] kicked the door a second time, simultaneously Deputy Richards pushed against the door causing it to fall on its side. He saw the back of a recliner against the door. Suspect Rangel ran toward them, and Deputy [redacted] activated the Taser, striking Suspect Rangel in the torso. Suspect Rangel bent over and fell onto the recliner with his hands underneath him. He ordered the suspect to show his hands, and Suspect Rangel said "Okay, okay." Suspect Rangel stood up as if nothing happened and grabbed Deputy Richards' gun. Deputy [redacted] activated the Taser a second time. Suspect Rangel went back toward the recliner in the same position, again stating he would comply. Suspect Rangel did not comply and grabbed Deputy Richards' gun a second time. Deputy [redacted] believed Suspect Rangel was gaining control of Deputy Richards' gun because he felt Deputy Richards' body being pulled into the room.

Deputy [redacted] extended his right elbow to block Deputy Richards from being pulled inside the room. Simultaneously, Deputy [redacted] activated his Taser for a third time. Suspect Rangel fell back into the chair. Deputy [redacted] constantly ordered Suspect Rangel to surrender and show his hands. Suspect Rangel immediately stood up and reached for Deputy Richards' gun again. He heard Deputy Richards yell "he's got my gun, he's got my gun." Deputy [redacted] attempted to activate the Taser two more times, but it did not appear to have an effect on Suspect Rangel. Deputy [redacted] then heard one shot and he noticed Suspect Rangel was hit. Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Rangel turn toward his left and go to the ground. Deputy [redacted] transmitted a "998" and requested for rescue to respond.

Deputies [redacted] Farino, [redacted] and Richards entered the room and attempted to handcuff Suspect Rangel. Suspect Rangel was lying on his stomach with his left arm to his side and right arm underneath his body. Deputy [redacted] ordered Suspect Rangel to give the deputies his left arm. Suspect Rangel did not comply, and Deputy [redacted] activated his Taser in an attempt to gain compliance. The Taser did not appear to be effective, and Deputy Richards requested Deputy [redacted] hand him the Taser. Deputy Richards advised his partners he was going to drive stun Suspect Rangel. Deputy Richards removed the cartridge and drive stunned Suspect Rangel approximately two times. Deputies were eventually able to handcuff Suspect Rangel. Deputy [redacted] began removing furniture from the bedroom to the south bedroom to create space. Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] carried Suspect Rangel to the hallway where deputies then carried Suspect Rangel to the front yard.

Deputy [redacted] stated no victims were located inside the residence. Deputy [redacted] stated the situation was rapidly evolving and it was not feasible to question the residents outside of the location to determine if all residents had been accounted for. IAB investigators presented Deputy [redacted] a photograph of the hallway **[Exhibit C]** and a crime scene sketch **[Exhibit D]** of the interior of the residence for a visual reference.